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The first meeting of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia was held on December 3, 1986 in Brisbane. The current elected committee is:

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

To act as a representative body of Douglasses and septs.

To encourage genealogical research and documentation of Douglas history.

To promote fellowship amongst members.

To establish and maintain contact with other Douglas associations throughout the world.

We send Members four Newsletters a year (and invite members to contribute articles of general interest). We hold social gatherings to enable Members to meet.

We invite you and your family to join this Association. We ask you especially to support the Committee and help us bring together people of Douglas Ancestry, Sept families and other connections, from all over Australia, New Zealand and the World.

Any one descended from, connected by marriage, or adopted by a Douglas or Sept of Douglas is eligible to join. The Sept families of the House of Douglas are:

BELL, BLACKLOCK, BLACKSTOCK, BLACKWOOD, BROWN, BROWNLEE, CAVERS, DICKY, DOUGLASS, DRYSDALE, FORREST, FORRESTER, FOSTER, GILPATRICK, GLENDINNING, INGLIS, KILGORE, KILPATRICK, KIRKLAND, KIRKPATRICK, LOCKERBY, MACGUFFEY, MACGUFFOCK, MCKILLRICK, MORTON, SANDLILANDS, SANDLIN, SIMMS, SOULE, STERRITT, SYMINGTON, SYME, YOUNG.

We ask you to please notify anyone else you know to be eligible to join, especially those who may not be on our mailing list. Enclosed is a membership form to be returned with Australian currency cheques made out to CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION and send to - Membership Secretary, Clan Douglas Association of Australia, K34/356 Blunder Road, Durack, 4077



President's Message

Welcome to the first CDAA Newsletter for 2008 and I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New year.

One of the items of interest for all CDAA members is the launch of our new website. It is already attracting new members to our Clan and for those who are already members, registration with a password gains entry to the 'members only' section where the forum provides us with the chance to meet each other, exchange news, post

notices and ask questions.

Our website is www.clandouglas.org.au

And my email address attached to it is: president@clandouglas.org.au

So please feel free to visit the website and register. I congratulate my daughter Penny, for designing and setting up the website, its one we can all be proud of.

For members living close to Brisbane, we shall include a flyer for the CDAA Excursion on Saturday 19th April — Looking at Early Queensland History in Ipswich — and I hope you will book your seats early as this will be popular (members may also bring friends). For those far-distant members who plan to be in Brisbane /Ipswich on the 19th April, we would love to have you join the excursion but please contact me ASAP on 07 3379 6357 or by email president@clandouglas.org.au

In this issue, Dr Beryl Turner will give us an up-to-date account of the Douglas yDNA Project. I do urge male Douglas members to have their DNA tested to add more information to this vital database.

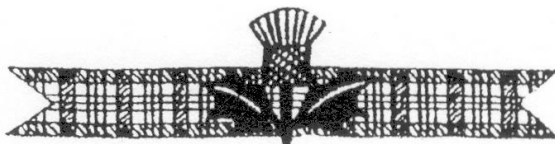
And finally, let us all rejoice that the drought has been broken in most areas and pray that those who have missed the rain will soon catch it.

Jan Shaw (nee Douglas), president.

Expressions of interest are called for to join a tour to Canada to coincide with 'DOUGLAS DAY', 19th November, 2008 in Vancouver.

Douglas Day is celebrated every year on the 19th November but 2008 marks the 150th Anniversary year since Sir James Douglas became Governor of British Colombia. At this stage, those who are interested are asked to please contact me and depending on numbers and interests, an itinerary with costing can be made.

Jan Shaw, president@clandouglas.org.au





DRUMLANRIG (continued)

4. Andrew Haliday Douglas was born Edinburgh 06/Feb/1864, 4th son of Andrew Haliday & Jessie Douglas nee MacKinnon his second wife. Andrew was educated at the Edinburgh Academy & University (M.A.) and New College, Cambridge (B.A.); married 09/Oct/1890 Isobel, daughter of William MacNaughton Love, of London and had issue

4.1. Margaret Douglas born 15/Jan/1894.

5. Charles MacKinnon Douglas was born Edinburgh 02/Oct/1865, 5th son of Andrew Haliday & Jessie Douglas nee MacKinnon; educ. Edinburgh Academy and Freiburg University (MA, D.Sc. C.B.); married 03/Jul/1895, Anna Isobel, daughter of Robert Tod of Clerwood, Corstorphine, Midlothian.

6. John Archibald Ramsay Douglas was the 6th son of Andrew Haliday & Jessie Douglas nee MacKinnon and was born in Edinburgh 15/Jun/1868; died 07/Jul/1871;

7. Clement Alexander Carnegie Douglas was the 7th son of Andrew Haliday & Jessie Douglas nee MacKinnon and was born in Edinburgh 22/May/1871 and died 27/May/1871.

4. Andrew Haliday Douglas (born 06/Feb/1864) married (3) in Edinburgh 10/Dec/1873, Jessie Simpson Moir, daughter of John Moir MD of Edinburgh and had issue;

Anne Lorn Douglas born Dumfries 03/Oct/1874

Allan Moir Douglas born Dumfries 11/Jan/1876

James Douglas born Dumfries 12/Jun/1878; married Elizabeth Emma daughter of Frederick Brock-Hollinshead.

4. Andrew Haliday Douglas (born 06/Feb/1864) married (4) 11/Apr/1882 Marjory daughter of Boyd Horsbrugh of Loch Malony, Flintshire. No family.

Clement Alexander Douglas was the 6th son of William & Anna Brown and was born 19/Mar/1821; married St John's Church, Hackney, London, 14/Jun/1850, Eliza Harriet Robinson born 1823; died 16/Jun/1860 at Park House, Leyton, Essex; and had issue

1. John Brown Douglas born 06/May/1855; educ. Glasgow University (MA)

2. William Blakiston Douglas, born 27/Feb/1859; married Glasgow 10/Mar/1880, Mary McMaster daughter of Andrew McMaster of Innellan, Argyleshire and had issue

2.1. Reginald Blackwood Douglas born 18/Nov/1883; died 07/Apr/1908, unmarried;

2.2. Mary Ruby Douglas born 28/Feb/1881; married 11/Oct/1907, Robert Bryan Evans of New York, USA

2.3. Clementina Eliza Dorothy Douglas born 25/Feb/1886

3. Clementina Eliza Douglas born 30/Jun/1853

4. Eliza Gibbon Douglas was born 12/Feb/1857



THE DOUGLAS FAMILY OF FINGLAND
Sheriffdom of Wigtoun
KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE

Fingland is situated 8 miles N.W. of Dalry, 7 ½ miles from Montaive, and 14 miles from Morton Castle.

1. Archibald Douglas of Morton, 2nd son of James Douglas of Bellibocht, was born 1633; died and was buried at Morton in 1718.

1661, 9 December, sasine of Fingland

1671, 11 February obtaining Morton Castle and its estate, Auchinsell, Muirhill and Lochrinnie from his brother William, but sold them to Sir William Douglas, 3rd Earl of Queensberry.

1672, 25 March, received from his brother William a last disposition of the Mains of Morton.

1704 Chamberlain to James Douglas, 2nd Duke of Queensberry.

He married Morton Castle on 10/May/1670, Marion daughter of William Kennedy of Auchtyfardle, in the parish of Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire and had

1. William Douglas

2. Robert Douglas

3. Grizel Douglas was born Fingland 1674; died October 1731; married 17/Mar/1713, John Murray of Drumcrieff, Dumfriesshire.

4. Sara Douglas was born Fingland 1676 and died 05/Jun/1751; married Dumfries, 12/Jun/1703, William Johnstone of Beirholm in Kirkpatrick-Juxta, Dumfriesshire, Factor for the Queensberry Estates.

1. William Douglas son of Archibald & Marion Douglas nee Kennedy, born Sanquhar Castle 1671, died 1760; buried at Newland burial ground, Peebleshire; 1693 was Commissioner of supplies for Dumfriesshire; 1721 Fingland sold to John Chalmers, Earl of Hopetoun; ensign and captain of the Royal Scots regiment, serving abroad; wrote the words of the song *Bonnie Annie Laurie* when he was in love with Ann Laurie of Maxwellton. He was famous swordsman, but had a very quick and fiery temper. He once fought a duel with Captain Menzies of Enoch Castle which nearly was fatal and as a result he was forced to hide in Tynron parish with Lady Stenhouse until Menzies had recovered. William married Edinburgh 18th or 03 September 1706, Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Alexander Clerk of Glenboig or Glendorth, Lanarkshire and had

1.1. Archibald Douglas

1.2. Alexander Douglas

1.3. Charles Douglas of Holmshill

1.4. Jean Douglas died in December 1753; married Edinburgh, 24/Jan/1742, James son of Samuel Greenshields, writer in Sanquhar.

1.5. Katharine Douglas married Dr Paterson, surgeon.

(Compiled from *The History of the House of Douglas*, by Percy Douglas)



SANDILANDS, LORD TORPHICHEN

James Sandilands, 10th Lord Torphichen who then succeeded was a cousin German of James Sandilands the 9th Lord Torphichen. The 10th Lord Torphichen was the only son of the Hon. Robert Sandilands and was born 21/Jul/1770, and was in early life a captain of an East Indiaman. He died 22/Mar/1862 aged 91 years. He married 03/Nov/1806, Margaret Douglas, second daughter of John Stirling of Kippenavie, a cadet of the House of Keir and by her who died 13/Dec/1836 and issue:

1. Robert Sandilands 11th Lord Torphichen
2. Rev. John Sandilands, MA., rector of Coston, co. Leicestershire, born 01/Nov/1813; married 24/Jul/1845, Helen daughter of James Hope, Writer to the Signet, and died 18/Mar/1865. She died 29/Jan/1887 aged 73 leaving issue:
 - 2.1. James Walter Sandilands
 - 2.2. John Hope Sandilands, born 24/Jul/1847, married 01/Aug/1877 Helen Mary Anne Tourle daughter of Thomas Tourle of Waratah, NSW, Australia and died 02/May/1903 having had issue:
 - 2.2.1. James Bruce Sandilands born 08/Apr/1883
 - 2.2.2. Helen Caroline Sandilands born 1880; died 1898.
 - 2.3. Francis Robert Sandilands born 12/Jan/1849; Commander RN Albert medal for saving life at sea; Royal Humane Society's medal with clasp; war medals for Egypt 1882 and Khedive's star. He married 04/Jun/1885, Maud Bayard, daughter of Frederick Augustus Wiggins and died 30/Jul/1887 without surviving issue.
 - 2.4. Douglas Sandilands born 23/Oct/1851; lieutenant 43rd Regiment; died in Australia 13/Dec/1882
 - 2.5. Helen Jane Sandilands born 20/Dec/1853, married 07/Feb/1891, Charles Woodbine Parish and had issue.
3. James Sandilands born 02/Oct/1821 son of James & Margaret Douglas Sandilands nee Stirling; captain 8th Hussars; died unmarried 29/Apr/1902.
4. Mary Sandilands married 04/Aug/1828 William Ramsay-Ramsay of Barnton, near Edinburgh, who died 14/Mar/1850. she died without surviving issue 21/Jan/1891.

1. Robert Sandilands, 11th Lord Torphichen, was born 03/Aug/1807 the son of James & Margaret Douglas Sandilands nee Stirling; sometime captain 3rd Regiment of guards; died 24/Dec/1869; married 25/Jul/1865, Helen youngest daughter of Thomas Maitland, Lord Dundrennan, a Senator of the College of Justice, who survived her husband and died 23/Jul/1885. He was succeeded by his nephew,

2.1. James Walter Sandilands, 12th Lord Torphichen and 20th feudal baron of Calder, born 04/May/1846 son of the Rev. John & Helen Sandilands nee Hope; former captain in the Rifle Brigade; a Representative Peer of Scotland; married 25/May/1881, Ellen Frances daughter of Lieut.-General Charles Edward Park Gordon C.B., which marriage was dissolved on his Lordship's petition 24/Jan/1890 and had issue:

2.1.1. James Archibald Douglas Sandilands, Master of Torphichen, born 06/Oct/1884; died unmarried and buried at Fort Johnston, in Nyasaland Protectorate, where he was Assistant-Resident, 29/Sep/1909

2.1.2. John Gordon Sandilands born 08/Jun/1886

2.1.3. Walter Alexander Sandilands born 26/Apr/1888

2.1.4. Alison Margaret Sandilands born 29/Jul/1883

CREATION: Baron Torphichen, 24/Jan/1563-64

ARMS: (recorded in Lyon Register) — Quarterly, 1st and 4th, argent, on a chief azure an imperial crown or, in base a thistle vert flowered gules; 2nd and 3rd, counterquartered; 1st and 4th argent, a bend azure; 2nd and 3rd argent, a human heart proper, imperially crowned gules, on a chief azure three mullets of the field.

CREST: an eagle displayed proper

SUPPORTERS: Two savages wreathed round the loins and temples with oak leaves, holding in the exterior hands, clubs, all proper.

MOTTO: Spero meliora

(Compiled from *The Scots Peerage* edited by Sir James Balfour Paul, Lord Lyon King of Arms, Vol.8 pp. 396-398)



Editorial:

We are well into 2008 now and I hope your year is shaping up the way you want it. Let us hope that all those challenges that are in store for us can be met successfully.

The new Clan Douglas web site is up and running but it will take some time for me to get used to the new technology. Please email me on genealogy@clandouglas.org.au if you require any genealogical information. I will reply as soon as possible but keep in mind that I only access the email once a week.

If you have internet access and would prefer to download your copy of the Newsletter from the Clan Douglas website please email me on newsletter@clandouglas.org.au and I will take your name off the mailing list.

Mary Smith, Editor & Genealogist

VALE

It is with regret that we record the following:

DOUGLAS, Merle Veronica nee Duffus late of Toowoomba, Queensland and wife of the late Ronald Douglas, former president of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia, passed away 21st December 2007 aged 71 years. Loved mother and mother-in-law of Russell and Jane and loving grandmother of their three children, of daughter Kylie and son Andrew. Merle Douglas was buried alongside Ron at the Toowoomba Garden of Remembrance in Ruthven Street after a graveside service.

SMITH, Brian Douglas of Ravenshoe, passed away 09th January 2008, husband of Adrienne and former member of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia.

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There has been quite a bit of interest in the West Indies re Douglas families.

West Indies Douglasses

Sir Cuthbert Sebastian Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister of St Kitts, and leader of the St Kitts' Labour Party.

The Hon. Harry Douglas, MP in 2004: Minister of State Ministry of Water and Housing, Jamaica.

Charles Douglas 17, b.1714 Orkney; indentured servant emigrated from London to Jamaica December 1731.

Charles Douglas, pre 1782 settled in St Kitts.

James Douglas son of George Douglas of Whiterigs, Aberdeenshire, surgeon; settled St Mary's Jamaica c1754; died 1763.

Pte. John Douglas of Kelhead, shifted 1762; settled Jamaica

John Douglas, clergyman; shifted 1732 to Antigua

John Douglas born c1799, Scotland from Jamaica to Boston 1816;

Naturalised Washington, DC 1828.

Robert Douglas 15 born 1706 — 'A poor lad — Aberdeen; indentured servant for Jamaica, June 1721

Robert Douglas died 24/Oct/1779 St Kitts;

Rear Admiral Peter John Douglas R.N. born 30/Jun/1787; served much of his naval career in the West Indies.

Commander William Manners Wellington Douglas, son of Rear Admiral Peter John Douglas, also served time in the West Indies.

Sir Charles Douglas, Bart. Born c1728; died 1789 knighted for his service in the West Indies.

Captain John Erskine Douglas R.N. served 1799 West Indies

David Douglass, actor, born England c1720; died in Kingston, Jamaica, W.1.

Charles Douglass' Regiment of marines was raised to serve in the West Indies

Charles James Sholto Douglas (son of 4th Bart. of Kelhead) married (1) c1755 Basilia Dawes (dau. of James Dawes of Rockspring, Jamaica)

The following are mentioned in a Jamaican Act of 1801: 'John Douglas, Sholto Douglas, Archibald Douglas, Robert Douglas, Edmund Douglas, Catherine Douglas, and Elizabeth Douglas free quadroons and the reputed children of Peter Douglas of the parish of St John in the county of Middlesex to the same rights and privileges under certain restrictions' 07/Dec/1801

James Robert Douglas born 04/Feb/1825; died 08/Nov/1849, St Vincent, West Indies
Howard Douglas died 11/Aug/1820, West Indies.

Governor Walter Douglas in Oliver's "History of Antigua" may have been the son of Walter Douglas, a planter in Antigua in 1672. Young Walter appears to have attended the University of Utrecht, which he is said to have left to join King William of Orange. He was superseded as Governor in August 1713 and to have retired to France. In his arms, he used the Douglas heart transfixd by an arrow, so probably claimed descent from the family of Douglas of Baads.

(Taken from www.douglashistory.co.uk)

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Flower of Scotland
(Scotland's National Anthem)

*Flower of Scotland,
When will we see
Your like again.
That fought and died for,
Your wee bit Hill and Glen,
And stood against him,
Proud Edward's Army,
And sent him homeward,
Tae think again.*

*The Hills are bare now,
And Autumn leaves
Be thick and still,
O'er land that is lost now,
Which those so dearly held,
That stood against him,
Proud Edward's Army,
And sent him homeward,
Tae think again.*

*Those days are past now,
And in the past
They must remain,
But we can still use now,
And be the nation again.
That stood against him,
Proud Edward's Army,
And sent him homeward,
Tae think again.*

*O Flower of Scotland,
When will we see
Your like again,
That fought and died for,
Your wee bit Hill and Glen,
And stood against him,
Proud Edward's Army,
And sent him homeward,
Tae think again*

Douglas yDNA project update

January 2008

We have again made significant progress with our project since the last update.

Drumlanrig/Queensberry/Douglas of Morton lines defined.

We have established the genetic characteristics of the Drumlanrig / Queensberry / Douglas of Morton (not the Earls of Morton) line back to the 1478! This is a remarkable feat and means that in three families there has been no non-paternal event (illegitimacy, adoption) for 15-18 generations each! It also means that anyone believing they are from this line can now test this out with a high degree of confidence by yDNA testing. This group is R1a Haplogroup, and all direct male line descendants of William 6th Baron of Drumlanrig must be of this Haplogroup.

Earls of Morton

We have proven the Earls of Morton line to 1756, with distant cousins matching. All descendants of John, son of James Douglas 16th Earl of Morton must be R1b1 haplogroup.

There is another descendant of the Earls of Morton, the Swedish branch which has one representative. This line is I1a haplogroup, and other I1a members could be related to the Swedish line, or to the Earls of Morton prior to James the 14th or 16th Earl. At this stage we are unable to say whether the Earls of Morton prior to James the 16th Earl were haplogroup R1b1 or I1a. More information about the lineage of the other I1a members might throw some light on this.

We would like to have further testing for this very important line. We need participants whose line has diverged from the Earls of Morton prior to 1756 and since John of Dalkeith 1330. ie descended from the early Earls of Morton or the Douglasses of Lochleven or Dalkeith. The further back your line diverges from the Earls of Morton line the more valuable you are to the project at this stage.

Domini Douglas

Domini has emerged as a distinct yDNA line in the Douglas family. Domini was thought to be an illegitimate son of George (13th or 15th Earl of Morton), and half brother of James (14th or 16th Earl). However his DNA type does NOT match James's son John. This has been proven by testing two men who are descended from John (5th cousins once removed), and finding that they match. This proves John's genetic type. Similarly 2 descendants of Domini have proven his haplogroup.

So we can say with confidence now that either Domini or James or John is not descended genetically from George. And since Domini's genetic type is distinctively Irish (and his mother was Irish) it is likely that Domini has an Irish male ancestor, possibly his father.

This issue will be finally decided when we have an earlier Earls-of Morton descendant to test.

Niall of Nine Hostages

The Domini line is descended from Niall of Nine Hostages (a very prolific Irish ancient line) but there are also others in the group who are descended from Niall but not through Domini. Some of these will be Irish lines of the Douglas family, but some of the sons of Niall are known to have visited Scotland and may have left behind Douglas descendants. Niall's DNA signature is well defined and new participants with Irish heritage may well find they belong to this group.

Angus or Red Douglasses

The haplogroup of our only known Angus descendant is also R1b, and is also a Niall of nine Hostages descendant. We will need a second family from this line to test as well, to examine how long this haplogroup has been in the Angus line.

Daglish (Dagliesh, Dalgliesh)

A number of our members have strong matches with members of the Daglish family. It is known that in some cases names have changed from Dagliesh (or variant) to

Douglas and possibly also vice-versa at some stage. Some of these connections are being actively researched as a result of these matches. These participants are R1b1 haplogroup.

McKenzie-Douglas

We have one participant who traces his family to this line. He is haplogroup R1b.

Scotti-Douglas

We have a representative of this family who promised his DNA for testing, although he has not yet submitted his sample. His family is descended from Sholto Douglas who was in Scotland in the AD900s and whose descendants went to Italy. His result could tell us whether Sholto was related to Willem. This will also give us another Old line to compare ourselves with.

Modern families

Within the modern families who are not connected (yet) to the old lines we have had a number of matches. These families are busily looking for the common ancestor. Some of these matches were completely unexpected. Some families have proven suspected relationships and other relationships have been disproved. Some have found new cousins. One Douglas adoptee has found some cousins.

Call for Members:

We still need more men who can trace their lineage back to the Old lines.

If you are a known descendant of Willem De Duglis (1174) please consider joining our project. You will be helping lost Douglasses — families who have lost their connection to the Douglas tree — to focus their research into the major lines of the family. If you represent a family line that we need for the project we might offer to pay for your test. We would likely pay for tests for proven Angus descendants or Earls of Morton descendants who are not descended from John son of James 14th or 16th Earl.

European lines of the Douglas family who have been separated from their Scottish ancestors for hundreds of years could be strategically very important for our project at this stage. These lines can give us information about the earliest Douglasses when they are compared with the documented lines we have already established. We would be interested in making contact with further examples of European Douglas lines.

If you are one of the “lost” families, which cannot find their ancestor’s connection into the Douglas family, then we can now tell you with confidence whether you are from some of the lines mentioned above. If you are lucky you might immediately find your line. Otherwise a match will eventually come along, giving you a clue as to which family line you come from. You will certainly find a number of lines immediately that you can exclude from your research.

The project web site (for information or to participate) is found at [http://www.familytreedna.com/\(we5jr2ewkhoxqe55wspcbh55\)/public/Douglas/index.aspx](http://www.familytreedna.com/(we5jr2ewkhoxqe55wspcbh55)/public/Douglas/index.aspx)

If you would like to join the project discussion group go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/douglasDNA/?yguid=132306060>

To talk to a project administrator (volunteer) or to apply for our free DNA test offer, message to:

bturner@occmed.com.au

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Douglas by De-Fault

My name is Kylie Douglas (verniew@bigpond.com) and we live 40kms north of Mitchell, Queensland on the banks of the Maranoa River which is about a 7 hour drive west of Brisbane. When I married Joffrey Van der Meulen in 1997, I was not that keen to change my name and to my amazement, Joff offered to change his. Hence I have been labelled a feminist man basher ever since. 2002 saw the arrival of our son Robert Darcy Roy Douglas, known as Darcy. The tradition of the eldest son being called Robert continues in a fashion as I did bend the rules a little. In 2003 we had Samantha Janet Douglas to even things up on the pink side of the camp. I had to have both my babies in Toowoomba as at the time, they were not delivering babies in Mitchell or Roma but luckily, we always came home safe and sound from our baby arrival holidays.

As any family with young kids, we are pretty busy as it is always a constant juggle between work, kids and cattle. I work full time as a teacher in Mitchell at St Patrick's Primary School which has 73 students in total. My daily commute to work compared to the city one, is a breeze. It is a ½ hour drive and I'm lucky to see more than 5 cars per trip. However, I do have to slow down for cattle, roos and the train that comes twice a week near town. The worst trip this year was when I hit a wedge-tail eagle which shattered the entire windscreen. I got to town doing about 40kms an hour using Darcy's directions for steering as he guided me with his head hanging out the window. The kids go to "Valerie's" who does childminding in her home through Family Day Care. Joff looks after Darcy and Sam some days through the week as well. Joff manages "Verniew" which is a beef cattle breeding and grazing business for my Mum. It is 14,500ha and is currently stocked very low at 500 breeding cows due to the drought. A typical day's work may include pumping water, fencing, fixing something that has broken, building something new or in the office, fighting the never ending tower of paper work that now goes with the territory of the beef business. Joff and I also own a 2,500ha block ourselves which Darcy picked the name of "Douglasdale". The ironic thing is we paid less for it than a 4 bedroom house in a decent suburb in Brisbane. At "Douglasdale" we run steers. The plan is that we buy them little, watch them grow for about 8 months and sell them when they are bigger. So far, this has worked, but we wouldn't be able to meet our repayments without our 'off farm income' ie., Kylie's job. Hopefully, when seasons return to normal, I won't have to work as much.

Our life may be busy but we try to keep it simple. We have our own veggie garden, chooks, pigs, horses and working dogs. We don't go out much but the kids do ride in a local pony club which is fun for the whole family. We also make sure we go somewhere different for a holiday every year so our children are aware that there is more to the world than the main street of Mitchell. Living a long way from major cities does have its disadvantages but I personally feel, our advantages greatly outweigh them and we have no desire to leave the wide open spaces. I challenge all Douglas descendants to take the 7 hour drive over the Great Dividing Range and visit us and this area which is part of your family's history. (School holidays are a much better time for me).

Kylie Douglas





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Drysdale, Sandilands
Forest, Sandlin,
Forrest, Simms,
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COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Please make cheques payable in Australian currency to
CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA and post to the
membership secretary. Thank you.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

The Clan Douglas Association acknowledges that on the list of Sept families there are some who are recognised as belonging to other clans, but some families of these surnames were closely linked with branches of the 'Douglas' in the early years.